

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 13, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRIMES submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 277.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Van Buskirk, praying to be allowed a pension for his services as assistant commissary in the revolutionary war, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:

That it appears he has been allowed a pension of \$60 per annum for eighteen months service as a private; that when he made his original declaration, he was not aware that the different grades, or length of service, made any difference in the amount of pension due, and therefore did not claim his services as assistant commissary.

Stephen Lutkins, aged ninety-five years, testifies that he was well acquainted with petitioner during the revolutionary war, and that he knows he acted as assistant commissary.

Stephen Westervelt, aged ninety-one years, and Elizabeth Hopper, aged eighty-seven years, corroborate the above witness. All these witnesses are certified to be credible.

Two papers are furnished, purporting to be receipts for forage received from petitioner as an assistant commissary.

In view of the above facts—of the petitioner's revolutionary services and of his advanced age, being about ninety-eight years old—the committee report a bill, and recommend its passage.

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